

# TRAFFIC FACTS

**HOT SHEET – DECEMBER 8, 2008**

Great news, there were no traffic fatalities between December 1<sup>st</sup> and today! The number of traffic crash fatalities remains at 114, compared to 115 at this same time last year. More good news is that alcohol-related fatalities remain down significantly, by 11 percentage points, and speed-related fatal crashes remain down significantly, by 8 percentage points. We all have to remain focused and stay vigilant to continue this downward trend.

Thanks to our law enforcement partners for their hard work over the past week. Overtime enforcement included two sobriety checkpoints and 31 roving DUI patrols. Efforts this week bring the Safe Family Holiday enforcement result totals to 90 DUI arrests, 129 seat belt citations, 160 speed citations, and more than 650 other arrests, including underage drinking violations, drug arrests, and apprehended fugitives. Further, on Friday night officers apprehended an impaired driver with underage children in the vehicle; they were holding a case of beer with an open container! In addition to the DUI charge, the driver was charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a significant difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits and other aggressive driving laws, and sign up to work overtime DUI patrols or sobriety checkpoints. The time you take to write a ticket could slow someone down or get them off the road when they are the most dangerous. You could ultimately save a life! Never forget, you're a role model in your community. The public is always watching, so be sure to obey the same laws you enforce. Others will follow your example.